

PLEASE, please do not lift the ban on cellphone use on aircraft. I firmly believe that phone conversations should be made from home, outside or in a private area like the all too elusive phone booth. This is for not only the sanity of us all but for the safety of passengers on aircraft. People can't shut up long enough to allow others to listen to crew member PA's even when talking to others face to face. Allowing conversations with others on a phone will make it impossible to enforce vocal levels that are tolerable for important safety announcements, not to mention any relaxation. Many people cannot handle ANY more stressors when they are traveling, especially on aircraft. I am a flight attendant and I often diffuse potential serious altercations between passengers regarding the volume of their voices and various other behavior that annoy highly stressed people on flights. I am constantly telling people to turn down the volume of their DVD players and to lower their voices in respect for those that are sleeping and with regard to their language in the presence of children. We have become an society oblivious to those in our immediate proximity. Giving the freedom to speak loudly into a cellphone at the expense of the 9 people sitting within a 3 foot radius aboard an aircraft is asking for trouble. Please keep mobile phone conversations non-existent on flights.

As a compromise, Text-Messaging is an option that should be investigated regarding technical interference safety concerns and if found to be safe, should be allowed as it does not detract significantly to the safety and comfort of others sitting in the close proximity that is characteristic of airline seats.

I think you should seriously consider the situational environmental effects that go along with cell phone usage in aboard commercial airlines.